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Via e-mail and U.S. Mail

September 11, 2009

Mr. Gary Kuhl  
County Administrator  
**SUMTER COUNTY**  
910 North Main Street  
Bushnell, Florida 33513

RE: **C-472/CR 115A/OSTEEN PROPERTY DRAINAGE ISSUES**

Dear Mr. Kuhl:

With regards to the drainage issues on the Osteen property located in Lake Miona Highlands Subdivision, we have met with the Villages to discuss your recommendation that they be responsible for the costs to construct an additional stormwater management system to serve the CR 115A and Lake Miona Highlands Subdivision. Based upon their review of all of the previous engineering documents, and permit approvals by Sumter County and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the Villages does not feel any responsibility or obligation to fund any additional stormwater improvements to serve the Lake Miona Highlands Subdivision, CR 115A or the Osteen property. This decision is founded on the fact that all of the engineering documents prepared and reviewed by both Sumter County and SWFWMD very clearly show that the Villages development and the construction of C-472 in no way contributes stormwater runoff to the existing drainage issues on the Osteen property, and that the engineering designs met or exceed all regulatory requirements.

As stated in the attached report prepared by Farner, Barley & Associates, Inc., on May 14, 2009, to SWFWMD, the development of C-472 and the Villages development more than adequately supplied compensating storage to the pre-condition drainage basin, by diverting approximately 28 acres out of the total 35 acre drainage basin, to the Villages Stormwater Management System. Based upon our engineering studies approximately 7 acres located south of C-472, within the Lake Miona Highland Subdivision, drains to the Osteen property. The Villages feels that due to this fact, that the cost to construct any additional stormwater drainage improvements to support this unplatted developed subdivision, which has no existing stormwater management system, should be the responsibility of others. To support our position, we are attaching a copy of the Engineering Report submitted to SWFWMD on May 14, 2009, which very clearly summarizes the history of this drainage issue, which also includes copies the SWFWMD Permits to construct the improvements that now exist.

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Farner, Barley & Associates, Inc., has prepared several design options for Sumter County and the Osteen's to consider that we felt would enhance some of the stormwater issues presently occurring on her property. We will continue to work with Sumter County in anyway possible with regards to engineering design and permitting, at the direction of Sumter County.

Should you have any questions or concerns with regards to the above matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

FARNER, BARLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Farner", written over the printed name.

Robert E. Farner, P.E.  
President

Cc: Mr. Gary Moyer, the Villages  
Mr. Tommy McDonough, McDonough Development Services  
Mr. Monte Ritter, SWFWMD  
Ms. Sandra Osteen